

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member having a central region surrounded by a circumferential portion comprising ~~circumference which is composed of~~ a number of metal tubes which are substantially parallel to each other and wound in a helical manner around a longitudinal axis of the hose ~~the longitudinal axis of the hoselike~~ member, ~~characterized in that~~ the tubes having ~~have~~ an internal diameter of about 1 to about 6 mm ~~between 1 and 6 mm~~ and a wall thickness of about 0.1 and about 0.5 mm. ~~between 0.1 and 0.5 mm~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): Hose member ~~Hoselike members~~ according to claim 1, wherein each of the tubes ~~characterized in that the tube~~ has an internal diameter between 2 and 4 mm.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Hose member according to claim 1, wherein ~~Hoselike members according to anyone of the claims 1-2,~~

~~characterized in that~~ the tubes have a wall thickness between 0.2 and 0.4 mm.

Claim 4 (currently amended): Hose member according to claim 1,
wherein each of the tubes has a pitch angle of about 50 to about 85 degrees.
~~Hoselike members according to anyone of the claims 1-3, characterized in that~~
~~the pitch angel of the tubes is between 50° and 85°, but preferably between~~
~~60° and 80°.~~

Claim 5 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member according to
claim 1, wherein the circumferential portion ~~anyone of the claims 1-4,~~
~~characterized in that the circumference~~ is at least partly made of more than
one layer of tubes.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member according to
claim 1, wherein ~~anyone of the claims 1-5, characterized in that~~ the tubes are
at least partly embedded in a protective carrier.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member according to
claim 1, wherein ~~anyone of the claims 1-6, characterized in that~~ each tube is
coated with a protective coating.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member according to claim 1, wherein the circumferential portion of the hose member defines ~~anyone of the claims 1-7, characterized in that the tubes form~~ a substantially closed surface.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member according to claim 1, wherein ~~anyone of the claims 1-8, characterized in that~~ the ends of the tubes at a first end of the hose member ~~one side~~ are all connected to a first manifold, and the ends of the tubes at an oppositely-disposed second end of the hose member ~~the other side~~ are all connected to a second manifold, so as to form a fluid connection between the two manifolds.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member according to claim 1, wherein the central region of the hose member is defined by ~~anyone of the claims 1-9, characterized in that the central space of the hoselike member is filled with~~ a carrier made of a polymeric material.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Hose ~~Hoselike~~ member according to claim 1, wherein ~~anyone of the claims 1-10, characterized in that the metal is~~ the metal tubes are formed of aluminium or an aluminium alloy.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Hose ~~Use of a hose-like~~ member according to claim 1, wherein the hose member is installed ~~anyone of the claims~~ in an automotive vehicle and the tubes transport ~~for the transportation~~ of a pressurized fluid.

Claim 13 (new): Hose member according to claim 1, wherein the central region of the hose member is defined by a longitudinal central cavity.

Claim 14 (new): Hose member comprising:
a core member coinciding with a longitudinal axis of the hose member and extending from a first end to an oppositely-disposed second end of the hose member, the core member being formed of a polymeric material;
and

a circumferential portion surrounding and contacting the core member, the circumferential portion comprising a plurality of tubes that are substantially parallel to each other and wound in a helical manner around the core member.

Claim 15 (new): Hose member according to claim 14, wherein the core member is formed of an elastomeric material.

Claim 16 (new): Hose member according to claim 14, wherein the hose member and the core member thereof are flexibly deformable in directions parallel to the longitudinal axis.

Claim 17 (new): Hose member according to claim 14, wherein the tubes are embedded in a protective carrier and the tubes and protective carrier define a closed surface surrounding and enclosing the core member.

Claim 18 (new): Hose member comprising:
an internal cavity coinciding with a longitudinal axis of the hose member and extending from a first end to an oppositely-disposed second end of the hose member; and
a circumferential portion surrounding the internal cavity, the circumferential portion comprising a plurality of tubes embedded in a protective carrier, the tubes being substantially parallel to each other and wound in a helical manner so as to define with the protective carrier a closed surface surrounding and enclosing the internal cavity.

Claim 19 (new): Hose member according to claim 18, wherein the hose member is flexibly deformable in directions parallel to the longitudinal axis.

Claim 20 (new): Hose member according to claim 18, further comprising a longitudinal element protectively disposed within the internal cavity.